

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following amended paragraph:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No.: 09/615,158 filed July 13, 2000, now abandoned.

The specification was objected for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claims phrases of: "first forming layer", "second forming layer", and a "nonmagnetic electrically conductive bottom shield layer". To overcome these objections, applicant respectfully submits the below paragraphs.

Please replace paragraph [0018] with the following amended paragraph:

[0018] **Figure 6** shows a prior art magnetic disk and activator.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] **Figure 7** shows a prior art air bearing surface.

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] **Figure 8** shows a prior art direct access storage device.

Please replace paragraph [0049] with the following amended paragraph:

[0049] Referring now to prior art Figs. 6-8, wherein like reference numerals designate like or similar parts throughout the several views, illustrated is a magnetic disk drive 30. The drive 30 includes a spindle 32 that supports and rotates a magnetic disk 34. The spindle 32 is rotated by a motor 36 that is controlled by a motor controller 38. A slider 42 with a combined read and write magnetic head 40 is supported by a suspension 44 and actuator arm 46. A plurality of disks, sliders and suspensions may be employed in

a large capacity direct access storage device (DASD) as shown in Fig. 8. The suspension 44 and actuator arm 46 position the slider 42 so that the magnetic head 40 is in a transducing relationship with a surface of the magnetic disk 34. When the disk 34 is rotated by the motor 36 the slider is supported on a thin (typically, 0.05  $\mu\text{m}$ ) cushion of air (air bearing) between the surface of the disk 34 and the air bearing surface (ABS) 48. The magnetic head 40 may then be employed for writing information to multiple to multiple circular tracks on the surface of the disk 34, as well as for reading information therefrom. Processing circuitry 50 exchanges signals, representing such information, with the head 40, provides motor drive signals for rotating the magnetic disk 34, and provides control signals for moving the slider to various tracks.